Traffic Volumes

Streets and highways provide access and movement throughout the city and the location and type of streets play an important part in land use and development. Certain types of land use generates large volumes of traffic and other uses do not. Uses which would generate large volumes of traffic are manufacturing uses and trade and service uses such as the Vernon Park Mall. Lessor or smaller volumes of traffic are associated with residential uses. (Below is a listing of traffic volume comparisons at various points within Kinston.) It should be noted that the volumes reflect an approximate 35% increase over the 12 year span; the 1990 SHC projections would reflect a 100% increase in traffic volumes from 1958 at many points. (The various traffic count locations are listed on Map H.)

COMPARISON OF TRAFFIC VOLUMES KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

LOCATION				
INTERSECTION OF:	1958	1966	1970	1990*
N. Queen and Blount Streets	10,400	12,130	15,000	15,000
Vernon Street and Carey Road	7,300	10,450	11,500	22,000
East and King Streets	3,600	7,070	6,000	7,000
OTHER LOCATIONS:				
Snow Hill Road	3,000	4,000	2,200	8,000
U.S. 70 at S. Queen Street	9,700	11,640	14,900	27,000
U.S. 70 at Vernon Park Mall	6,200	10,140	11,200	22,000
King Street Bridge	5,000	6,800	7,500	12,500
Washington Ave. at Adkin Branch	1,400		3,500	7,000
North Queen Street at City Limits	3,500	6,150	5,400	5,500
Airport Road		1,860	2,300	4,800

^{*1990} figures are based on N. C. State Highway Commission studies as reference in NCSHC Thoroughfare Plan, Kinston, 1969.